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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower in the East, and unchanged to lower in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall cautiously steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to moderate, instances good for fast food and features. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to available for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, interest was usually no better than fair for early week trading. Wings were readily available and slow to clear. The remaining items were in a more manageable position than before, but still fully adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 08-OCT-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	WTD AVG	COMPOSITE		LOADS
			LOADS	WTD AVG	
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	67.86	19
Chicago	60.00-63.00	62.69	32 :	60.74	62
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	51.30	16
Denver	87.50	87.06	12 :	87.27	14
Detroit	63.00-64.00	67.10	10 :	63.86	59
Los Angeles	88.00	85.39	61 :	77.30	128
New York	66.00-69.00	67.90	21 :	68.53	44
Philadelphia	65.50-67.00	66.32	11 :	64.85	23
Pittsburgh	65.00-68.00	67.00	11 :	72.05	57
St. Louis	60.00-61.25	60.64	19 :	63.50	28
San Francisco	88.50	88.06	31 :	87.14	36

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/08/07	Change Last Wk	10/01/07	10/09/06
486	70.36	-.30	70.66	65.23

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delivered to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities:

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	66.00-68.00	66.66	34
Central	42.00-68.00	59.59	71
Western	56.00-87.00	70.94	50
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	77.00-80.00	79.82	91

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 80.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,115	60.00-84.00	79.27

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.00	1,421
BREASTS - B/S	154.50	5,873
BREASTS - WHOLE	95.00	1,462
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00	1,168
LEG QUARTERS	45.50	9,284
WINGS	125.00	2,740

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair as most dealers noted some improvements for early week business. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, wings were readily available and slow to clear; other items were in better balance but still noted as at least adequate to fully adequate for trade needs.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best, mostly about steady. Demand into all channels was light to instances moderate, best for fast food promotions and where weekend business was active. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient and more manageable than previous week. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair at best. Wings were fully adequate to ample with limited interest, and the remaining items were adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment on whole birds was steady to barely steady. Offerings were adequate for light needs. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were generally balanced; sizes desirable to heavy. Supplies were adequate to available. The market tone was steady to barely steady on breast cuts, barely steady to weak on wings, and about steady on the balance. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 61.18 cents down .58 cents with a volume of 37 loads, up 3 loads from the previous week.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The final majority price into Chicago was unchanged, St. Louis 1.5 cents lower and Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler market tone was about steady to barely steady. Offers adequate for the fair buyers interest. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement moderate to fairly good, best into features. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Sizes desirable to heavy. Supplies of all parts items adequate to available. Trade sentiment about steady to steady on breast items, barely steady on wings, and steady on dark meat items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair. Offerings were fully adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable but trending heavier. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 68 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, offerings were in a slightly better position but still fully adequate for trade needs. Wings were reported as readily available and slow to clear.

**\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

RANGE	BRANDED U.S.GRADE A	
	10-09-07	10-08-07
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49-84	50-84
NO. OF BOXES	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was generally light to fair as dealers noted slight improvements entering the week. Supplies of boneless skinless breast and tenders were fully sufficient for current needs. Bone-in breast were fully adequate to available; wings were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was weak for wings; barely steady bone-in breast and mostly steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	127.11	731,680
TENDERLOINS	120	121.34	142,450
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	82.67	64,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	73.04	94,000
LEGS	59-60	64.29	74,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	45.05	236,160
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	62.47	148,591
THIGHS	49-50	59.32	108,980
B/S THIGHS	110-111	114.16	75,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	118-119	117.56	133,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.38	13,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.39	10,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.92	15,050

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,408	99.00-170.00	110-125	113.21
TENDERLOINS	865	88.00-185.00	90-100	102.42
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT		-	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT		-	
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT		-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,499	37.00-42.00	37.5-41	38.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,139	37.00-44.00	40-42	39.59
WINGS (WHOLE)	638	76.00-129.00	-	103.86
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT		-	
THIGHS	1,369	40.00-52.00	40	40.08

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	10/08	10/04	10/04	10/01	09/27
Alabama	4,269	4,080	5.57	4,054	5.46
Arkansas	5,269	5,446	5.40	5,142	5.35
Delmarva	2,319	2,249	5.85	2,229	5.66
KY-LA-TN	2,408	2,480	5.07	2,472	5.03
Mississippi	2,670	3,107	5.52	3,058	5.57
North Carolina	2,823	2,869	6.84	2,869	6.88
Texas	2,498	2,542	5.34	2,554	5.34
Total	22,256	22,773	5.63	22,378	5.59
Mon	22,256 (A)			22,378 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Oct 2007 is estimated to be 33,297,000 down 3.55 percent from a week ago. and up 2.9 percent from a year ago.

(last week 34,523,000 last year 32,365,000)

#### SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	565	103.00-188.00	-	120.71
TENDERLOINS	196	94.00-175.00	-	102.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	73.00-102.00	-	77.45
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	160	49.00-61.00	53-54	54.38
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	555	36.00-43.00	39-40	39.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	874	38.00-45.00	41-42	41.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	88.00-128.00	108-110	110.37
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	102	92.00-114.00	-	96.11

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCT 09, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

#### RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE

44.00 - 49.50 46.63

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-Type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

#### MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 08-OCT-2007 TO 12-OCT-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 138.00	110.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 97.00	74.00 -
LEGS	57.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37.00 - 50.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	43.00 - 48.00	44.00 - 46.00
DRUMSTICKS	44.00 - 78.00	-
THIGHS	47.00 - 61.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	80.00 - 134.00	97.00 - 117.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	93-109
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	96.5-113.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	70-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	126	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	110	
HENS OVER 5#	140	
DUCKS	105	
	109	
	199-204	

\*\*\*On January 4, 2008 these reports will be combined into the new National Mechanically Separated Chicken report and will no longer be available as separate reports. Until then, the new National MSC report will run concurrently.\*\*\*

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----**  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	15.00-16.00	421,800	261,800
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	15.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	1,800,000	1,040,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	13.58		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

OCT 05, 2007

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----**  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.50-20.00	11.00-15.00	834,000	489,600
WTD AVERAGE	19.17	11.78		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.50	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.50		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS**

Prices were slightly lower when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-OCT-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12		9.42
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS**

Trading levels were lower than the past week. Demand was light to fair for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-OCT-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12.25		9.06

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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